IN THE CLAIMS: Please amend the claims as indicated below, without prejudice: 1. (Once Amended) A flashlight extension that is flexible, comprising: a body having first and second end fittings separated by a length distance, said body comprising; a first member, forming an electrically conductive core [having a memory to elastically deform under small bending displacements, and plastic properties to substantially hold a deformed shape subsequent to large bending displacements]; a second member, forming a substantially nonconductive [and cylindrical] barrier disposed generally concentrically with said first member; a third member, forming a conductive element, and being electrically isolated from said first member, [and being spaced radially from said first member by said second member, ] and further being disposed approximately concentrically with respect to said second member; 01/08/2003 DEMMANUI 00000049 09941930 84.00 OP 01 FC:2201 02 FC:2202 108,00 OP - 3 -

a fourth member, disposed radially about said third member, and forming a protective covering for substantially the entire length of said third member; said second, third, and fourth members having material properties and cross-sectional dimensions in combination such that deformations of said body are substantially governed by deformations of said first member; with said first end fitting being affixed to a first end of said body, said first end fitting further being configured and arranged to interface in a removable and electrically conductive relation with an end of a flashlight; and said second end fitting being affixed to a second end of said body, said second end fitting further being configured and arranged to interface in a removable and electrically conductive relation with a flashlight head. 13. (Once Amended) A flashlight extension that is flexible, comprising: a body having a length between first and second end fittings, said body comprising; a first member, forming an electrically conductive core having [dual elastic/plastic properties and having] a first section modulus;

a second member, forming a substantially nonconductive barrier disposed generally concentrically with said first member, said second member having a second section modulus; a third member, forming a conductive element spaced apart radially from said first member by said second member, said third member having a third section modulus; a fourth member forming a protective covering for substantially the entire length of said third member, said fourth member having a fourth section modulus; said second, third, and fourth members having section moduli in combination such that deformations of said body are substantially governed by deformations of said first member; with said first end fitting being affixed to a first end of said body, said first end fitting further being configured and arranged to interface in a removable and electrically conductive relation with an end of a flashlight; and said second end fitting being affixed to a second end of said body, said second end fitting further being configured and arranged to interface in a removable and electrically conductive relation with a flashlight head. **-** 5 -

20. (Once Amended) A flexible flashlight extension comprising: a body having first and second end fittings separated by a length distance, said body comprising; a first member, forming an electrically conductive core [having a memory to elastically deform under small bending displacements, and plastic properties to substantially hold a deformed shape subsequent to large bending displacements]; a second member, forming a substantially nonconductive [and cylindrical] barrier disposed generally concentrically with said first member; a current carrying path from the first end fitting to the second end fitting; said second member having material properties and a crosssectional dimension such that deformations of said body are substantially governed by deformations of said first member; with said first end fitting being affixed to a first end of said body, said first end fitting further being configured and arranged to interface in a removable and electrically conductive relation with an end of a flashlight; and said second end fitting being affixed to a second end of said body, said second end fitting further being configured and - 6 -

arranged to interface in a removable and electrically conductive relation with a flashlight head.